

**AUTHORIZE THE FIRST RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH BLACKBOARD INC FOR A DISTRICT-WIDE COMMUNICATIONS SOLUTION**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Authorize the first renewal agreement with Blackboard Inc. to provide a district-wide communications solution at an estimated annual cost set forth in the Compensation Section of this report. A written document exercising this option is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Blackboard Inc. during the option period prior to execution of the written option document. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written document is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this option is stated below.

Specification Number : 17-350010

Contract Administrator : Forero, Mr. Bryan / 773-553-2280

**VENDOR:**

- 1) Vendor # 17857  
BLACKBOARD INC  
P.O. BOX 200154  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15251-0154

Adam Dolan  
800 424-0299

Ownership: Blackboard Holdings Inc - 100%

**USER INFORMATION :**

Project  
Manager: 12510 - Information & Technology Services

42 West Madison Street

Chicago, IL 60602

Zalewski, Miss Kathryn Lucille

773-553-1300

**ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:**

The original Agreement (authorized by Board Report 17-0426-PR20) in the amount of \$1,200,000 was for a term commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2020, with the Board having two (2) options to renew for one (1) year terms. The original agreement was awarded on a competitive basis pursuant to former Board Rule 7-2. Prior to execution of the original Agreement, the original Board Report was amended to reduce the not-to-exceed amount to \$1,000,000, and change the commencement date to December 7, 2017.

**OPTION PERIOD:**

The term of this agreement is being renewed for one (1) year commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

**OPTION PERIODS REMAINING:**

There is one (1) option period for one (1) year remaining.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

Vendor will continue to host and support a comprehensive, highly available, web-based communications solution that is accessible by desktop, pc or any smart cellular device. The solution provides communications services to deliver messages via voice (robocalls), email, text or TTY/TDD for notifications such as daily attendance, emergencies, school-specific messages or programs, department-specific or District-wide notices to parents, students, employees and others. The solution is integrated with the Board's Student Information System and is able to integrate with other information sources. Vendor will also provide the texting mechanism for the Board's Parent Portal and has geo-mapping capabilities to send messages within geographic parameters. Training of Board personnel and ongoing technical or end user support is included in the solution.

**DELIVERABLES:**

Vendor will continue to provide the Board with a comprehensive, 24x7x365 communications solution including technical support, training, and end user support that will enhance communication services for the Board through fiscal year 2020.

**OUTCOMES:**

Vendor's services will continue to result in the Board having a state-of-the-art yet economical tool with training and support that enhances communications capabilities.

**COMPENSATION:**

Vendor shall be paid during the term of the agreement as specified in the agreement. Estimated annual costs for this term are set forth below:

\$396,000 FY21

**AUTHORIZATION:**

Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written option document. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the option document. Authorize Chief Information Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this option agreement.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:**

Pursuant to the Remedial Program for Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Participation in Goods and Services contracts (M/WBE Program), this contract is exempt as this agreement is for proprietary software.

**LSC REVIEW:**

Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

**FINANCIAL:**

Fund 115, Information Technology Services, Unit 12510

\$396,000 FY21

Not to exceed \$396,000 for the one (1) year renewal term.

Future year funding is contingent upon budget appropriation and approval.

**CFDA#:**

Not Applicable

**GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

Inspector General - Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Chicago Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain

investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary to conduct those investigations.

Conflicts - The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

Indebtedness - The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics - The Board's Ethics Code adopted May 25, 2011 (11-0525-PO2), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

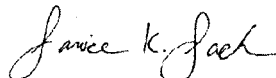
Contingent Liability - The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:




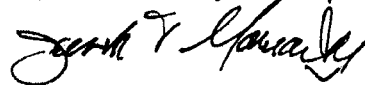
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